Community Accountability // ideas, actions, art, & resources for communities responding to & transforming violence

Social Justice Journal Issue

Community Accountability: Emerging Movements to Transform Violence, a special issue of *Social Justice: A Journal of Crime, Conflict & World Order (http://www.socialjusticejournal.org/)* (Vol 37, No. 4, 2011-2012), critically examines grassroots efforts, cultural interventions, and theoretical questions regarding community-based strategies to address gendered violence. This collection encapsulates a decade of local and national initiatives led by or inspired by allied social movements that reflect the complexities of integrating the theory and practice of community accountability.

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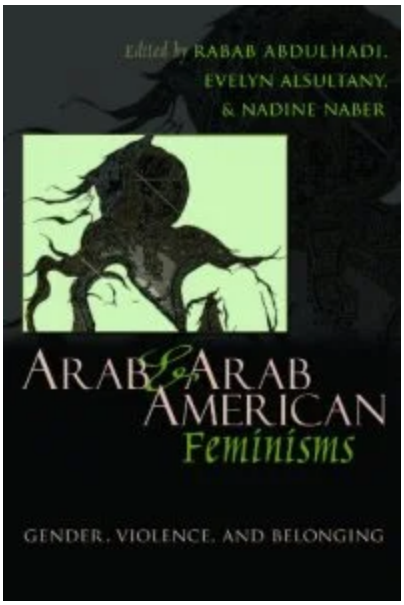

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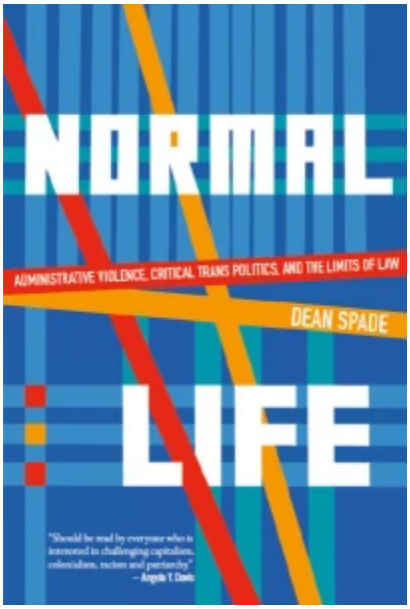

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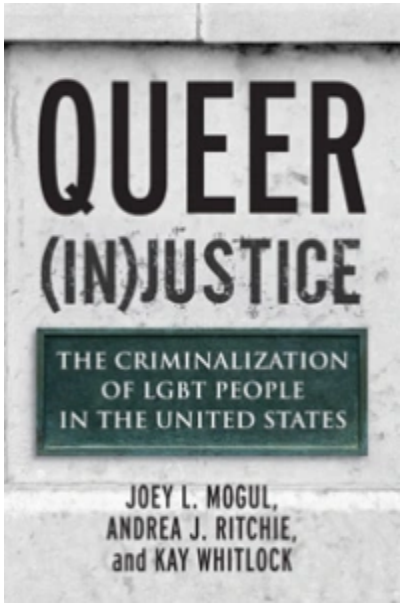

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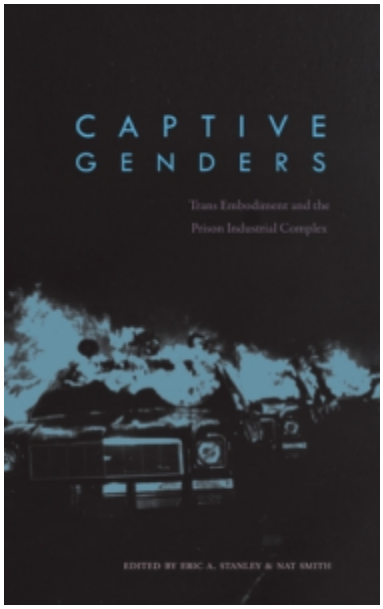

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11 responses to "*Social Justice Journal Issue*"

1. Pingback: Captive Genders: Trans Embodiment and the Prison Industrial Complex

2. **billierain says:**
   July 23, 2012 at 11:18 pm
   how do we order a copy? this looks fantastic!

   Reply
   - **caracol says:**
     August 10, 2012 at 1:49 am
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3. Pingback: queer abolition « EXCO QUEER STUDIES

4. **Steve Winfield says:**
   November 12, 2012 at 12:52 am
   For my part, I am encouraged that some gender based societal customs are coming down. Like, the ones that said "women don't wear pants" ('50s), "women don't get tattoos" ('80s), "women don't sleep with women" ('00s). But I'm discouraged that all of these are denials of femininity – all are examples of women being "allowed" to do things formerly reserved for men only – and I'm afraid that these changes REINFORCE the underlying premise that "feminine is bad". So called "crossdressing" almost exclusively exists for men – imagine a couple, he wears jeans & NFL sweatshirt, she wears khaki pencil skirt & button-down shirt…. now imagine she wears his jeans & SS, and he wears her skirt & shirt. He's now a "crossdresser", wearing "women's clothing", while she is just wearing "clothing".

   As I see it, the whole practice of assigning "masculine" or "feminine" to clothing (pants v. skirt) / shoes (hiking boots v. heels) / body art (tattoo v. nail color) / handbags / hairstyles etc.., is a tool for perpetuating prejudice and gender discrimination – by marginalizing the "feminine". If the labels were dropped, if ALL clothing was JUST "clothing" – if it became as common to see men in skirts AS men as it is to see women in pants as women – if men were allowed to wear anything without their masculinity being questioned – THEN I would believe we were making real progress toward accepting both genders equally.

   I love the look of color on my fingernails, and I enjoy the comfort of a skirt. I have no desire to "be a woman" or to misrepresent my gender – I just want to be free to wear whatever I like without prejudice.

   Reply
   - **Steve Winfield says:**
     November 12, 2012 at 2:54 am

Also, if it became "acceptable" for anybody to wear anything – if there were no gender labels associated with any style of clothing – then I believe there would be less violence against trans people because they wouldn't be using (and their haters wouldn't be interpreting) their clothing as an expression of their gender identification.

I can only guess, but maybe part of the reason trans people have so much interest in their gender identification, is because society places so much emphasis on gender. Especially some of the macho BS expectations society places on manhood – "don't cry, no emotion, work work work, guzzle beer, follow sports, watch porn, get lots of sex" – it's totally understandable for anyone to think "that's not me, I'm more like the opposite of that – maybe I'm more feminine than masculine – maybe I should have been born female…" MAYBE I'M WRONG – I am just guessing – but it seems to me that when someone identifies "opposite" (re: their anatomy) traits in their personality, they are unconsciously accepting societal definitions of "masculine" and "feminine" that are largely false, prejudicial and not really necessary for society to even think about.

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5. Pingback: WOW! | Prison Justice

6. **Mary Paterson says:**
   April 7, 2013 at 4:13 pm
   No New Jim Crow Seattle Campaign (started in the late winter/early spring 2012) is working alongside a number of other groups in Seattle/King County to end mass incarceration, and we are becoming increasingly aware of transformative justice as the alternative to what we've got now in our very sick country, America. Thank you for this resource!
   Mary Paterson and the No New Jim Crow Seattle Campaign

   Reply

7. Pingback: Premiers pas sur une corde raide | colonellerobles

8. Pingback: Toward a Feminist Politics of De-Criminalization and Abolition: Why We Support Dr. Mireille Miller-Young - The Feminist Wire | The Feminist Wire

9. Pingback: Moving Beyond Take Back the Night: Black and Pink – Buffalo's Response to Recently Reported Sexual Assaults | black and pink

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